

and inspired by their stories, Ward created Lines of Violation as a modern monument to the forbearance that these women showed both during the war and in the decades since.

Lines of Violation depicts life-size drawings of the hands of these 52 Filipino, Taiwanese, Korean, and Dutch former comfort women. Ward relied on his sense of touch to sketch their hands, thereby capturing his response to the women's emotions immediately in the moment. The drawings are encased in two 7.5 foot-high and 23 foot-long semicircular plexiglass frames lit by shifting lights in the center of the installation. A sound system projects the voices of the victims recounting their stories, constantly infusing the artwork with their presence.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud today's opening of the Lines of Violation exhibition in Philadelphia. Lines of Violation has already touched countless viewers in Europe, Asia, and Africa, and now for the first time Americans will have the opportunity to experience this unique work of art. I sincerely hope that this exhibition will heighten awareness of the terrible crimes committed against these women and hasten the day when they achieve the justice that they deserve at last.

TRIBUTE TO JOE TAVAGLIONE, JR.

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, CA are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community members who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Joe Tavaglione, Jr. is one of these individuals. On Saturday, July 12, 2003 Joe will be celebrating his 80th birthday.

Joe has spent most of his life in Riverside, his family moved there in 1927 when he was 3 years old. He is one of eleven siblings who worked together to help their family by operating citrus groves and the Rubidoux winery in the heart of Riverside. Joe attended local schools including Poly High School and Riverside City College.

In 1944 Joe married his high school sweetheart, Jackie, and raised two sons, Jeff and Jay. The two sons would eventually join Joe and his brother Louis in the family business. Joe began his career working as a lumber salesman with Center Lumber Company in Riverside and later moved to the Heers Brothers Construction/Builders. His emphasis was in residential construction, building homes in California and Nevada and 8,000 military units at Fort Ord, CA.

After his success in working for Heers Brothers, Joe and Louis decided to form Tavaglione Construction and Development. They started building residential tracks, then shifted their focus to freestanding commercial buildings, constructing Farrell's Ice Cream Parlors, Chief Auto Parts and over 1,000 7-11 convenience stores in 12 western States.

Joe has also been actively involved in the community, having been selected by two California Governors for statewide positions in-

cluding Chairman of the California State Contractor's Board and the California Transportation Commission. He also sits on the City of Riverside's Public Utility Board and is the current President of the National Association of Contractors. Joe is also active in the Humane Society.

Joe's tireless work ethic and dedication to community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, CA. I am proud to call Joe a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his contributions and salute him on his 80th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL PAUL G. GAFFNEY II

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Vice Admiral Paul G. Gaffney II, is retiring after a long and exceptionally distinguished career.

Admiral Gaffney's outstanding service to the Nation has been marked by meritorious service in increasingly demanding command positions, culminating as the President of the National Defense University. He has demonstrated strong and inspiring leadership, unsurpassed executive ability, and an untiring dedication to the spirit and mission of the United States Navy.

Admiral Gaffney is a 1968 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He is also a graduate of Catholic University with a master's degree in Ocean Engineering. He completed an MBA at Jacksonville University and was a student and advanced research fellow at the Naval War College graduating with highest distinction.

His distinguished career has spanned 3 decades and includes duty at sea, overseas and ashore in executive and command positions. His duties have included tours as Operations Officer, USS *Whippoorwill*, in Japan; Advisor to the Vietnamese Navy Combat Hydrographic Survey Team; Executive Assistant to the Oceanographic Unit for conducting hydrographic surveys in the Republic of Indonesia; Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Commanding Officer of the Naval Oceanography Command Facility, Jacksonville, FL; Assistant Chief of Naval Research in Washington, DC; Commanding Officer of the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC; and Command, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command.

Admiral Gaffney's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), Bronze Star (with "V"), and the Naval War College's J. William Middendorf Prize for Strategic Research.

Mr. Speaker, I know the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to Admiral Paul G. Gaffney II, for his outstanding commitment to the United States Navy and the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO ISADORE A. SHRAGER, ESQ., B.S., LL.B.

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great American and a better friend, Isadore Shrager. "Izz" Shrager is a legend in my home town of Philadelphia.

He has been an important contributor to our city and our nation. He serves or has served on many important organizations, including the Democratic County Executive Committee of Philadelphia; Fairmount Park Commission; Pennsylvania Transportation Commission; the Board of Directors of City Trusts; the Board of Wills Eye Hospital; the Board of Community College of Philadelphia; the Board of Temple University; and the Board of Governors of Temple Hospital. Isadore is Past President and Honorary President of Akiba Hebrew Academy; Life Member of Board of Trustees of Har Zion Temple; a member of the National Lawyers' Committee for Endowment and Bequests of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel; member, Zionist Organization of America; and Director and Solicitor of the Amelia S. Buten Research Fund.

A long time attorney, Mr. Shrager's practice involves a broad range of matters, including business administration, zoning, wills, condemnation, legal issues involving City, State and Federal agencies, and those pertaining to education at the secondary, college and graduate school levels. Isadore is Solicitor to the Register of Wills of Philadelphia and is a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations, and serves on many of their committees. He has served as a member and delegate to the Judicial Conference of the Third Circuit, and a member of the Democratic State Committee, serving as a Delegate to the Democratic National Conventions since 1946. Among numerous awards and honors he has received are: the B.L. Jacobs Adult Award, Cyrus Adler Community Service Award, State of Israel Tribute, Democratic Tribute Award, Lifetime Honorary Trustee of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, and the Temple Diamond Award. He also sponsors the Isadore A. Shrager Scholarship of the Temple University School of Law.

Mr. Speaker, Isadore Shrager is my friend of many years. It is fitting that my colleagues join me in honoring him today.

IN HONOR OF RUTH HUNTER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruth Hunter, a courageous activist who has spent her life doing what she felt was right, if not always popular. She works tirelessly to right both global and local wrongs, encompassing the community spirit of Santa Cruz County that sees inequality as everyone's problem.

Ruth first caught the activist bug while visiting the Soviet Union in 1985. Over the next 2 decades she traveled across war-ravaged

and impoverished lands from Central America to Africa and the Middle East to document the suffering of people caught in the middle of global conflicts. She has protested the United States' involvement in some of these conflicts, not fearing arrest because she was advocating for what she believed was a greater cause. These selfless acts are an inspiration to anyone who wishes justice not just for their countrymen, but for all the people of the world.

Throughout her travels, Ruth wrote about the places and people she visited, but it was not until the early 1990s that she made a career of her love of writing. Inspired by stories from the members of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Ruth began publishing her work in *La Gazette* as a monthly columnist. It was these women's stories that also became the basis for her book, *What a Life: Heroines Sung and Unsung*.

Ruth's passion for her work stems from the fun she has while doing good deeds. I know her personally as my Cuban dancing partner, and her friends warmly refer to her as the Queen of Mojitos! And through her good spirit and love for humanity, she continues to amaze us all by choosing to stand up and fight when so many people are content to sit down.

Mr. Speaker, Ruth Hunter continues her work in activism and writing, even on her eighty-seventh birthday, and I wish to take this opportunity to honor her and to congratulate her for being an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO BILL BUTLER

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man from Ontario, NY, a small town from the new area of my district. This closely-knit community in the northeast corner of Wayne County recently lost a first-class citizen, Bill Butler.

Mr. Butler was a longtime resident of Ontario, always working to better the community he loved. His benevolence was most exemplified through the Ontario-Walworth Rotary Club. With over 30 years of perfect attendance, Bill served as the club President, District Governor representing some 68 Rotary clubs and President Representative of Rotary International. These efforts took him throughout the Ontario-Walworth community and the world.

Inspired by the drive to further promote international humanity, Bill's most recent trip took him to a Rotary conference in Brisbane, Australia. Unfortunately this proved to be his last goodwill effort. On the ride to the airport, for his return trip home, the car Bill was traveling in was involved in a fatal accident where Bill's life was lost. He was 69 years of age.

Mr. Speaker, Bill's life will not be forgotten, as he touched the lives of many people. Endlessly volunteering and constantly willing to lend a hand, his big smile always left you with a warm feeling.

It is my honor to recognize Mr. Bill Butler. We owe him a huge debt of gratitude for all he has done. I extend my heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends, including his wife Christine, his children Patricia, James, George, Deborah and David and seven grand-

children. Bill Butler was a loving family man and an honorable Rotarian.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PORTER J. GOSS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present on July 9, 2003, due to official travel overseas. As a result, I was not able to be present for rollcall votes 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344 and 345. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all nine votes. I request that this statement appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

HONORING THE MICHIGAN MILITARY MOMS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to acknowledge and celebrate the Michigan Military Moms for their insatiable support and encouragement for all of the men and women from Michigan that serve their country both in times of war and peace. These women have proved to possess incredible strength under exceptionally harrowing circumstances.

Since Michigan lacks many of the organized support networks available near large military bases, the mothers of Michigan's men and women in uniform found themselves alone, lacking an outlet to express their pain, frustration, and fear.

On July 18, 2002, a small group of eight mothers, united by pride and dedicated to their sons and daughters serving in the Armed Services, joined together in a local Big Boy restaurant. Less than one year later that small group now consists of more than 175 members. The group, which celebrates the heroic effort of our men and women in uniform, offers support and encouragement for mothers and their children serving in all five branches of the Armed Services.

During its first year, Michigan Military Moms quickly implemented several successful programs. Notably, the group has formed partnerships with local schools, churches, businesses, and interested individuals to send monthly support packages to soldiers serving worldwide. Furthermore, the group organized "Mentor a Mom," a program to couple experienced military moms with mothers whose children are going through basic military training. They also created a support group for local recruiters, and initiated a card campaign where mothers sent birthday greetings to service men and women.

The strength and patriotism of this amazing group of women should be applauded. Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all my colleagues rise and join me in commending the Michigan Military Moms for their inexhaustible support, unity, and leadership to their community and their country and wishing them and their families continued strength as they go through this difficult time.

SUPPORTING THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 10, 2003

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, recent events call our attention to the continent of Africa. The people of Africa are suffering and in pain. Africa is a continent which contains immense natural resources and is populated by people that are of diverse rich cultures. And yet, they are dying from the rampant spread of the HIV/AIDS virus. Civil war has wounded them and put their lives in chaos. The lives of their children are plagued by drought, famine and diseases.

Mr. Speaker, in 2001, the HIV/AIDS virus infected approximately 3.5 million Africans, an estimated 2.2 million Africans died due to the virus and approximately 11 million African children were orphaned because they lost their parents to the virus. It is predicted that many more Africans will be infected and die due to the virus if something is not done quickly to help Africans with prevention, treatment and health care programs. We have begun the task of aiding Africa in combating this virus, with the \$15 billion HIV/AIDS package the President recently signed into law on May 27, 2003.

But more needs to be done. If Africans do not die due to the HIV/AIDS virus, they may die due to civil wars that plague many African countries today. In the country of Liberia, the people have endured and suffered bloody civil war and unrest for the past 13 years. Liberians have been killed in horrendous numbers because of this war. In one day in June of this year, over 300 civilians were killed and over 1000 were injured. This war is destroying the future of many Liberian children who are forced to become brutal soldiers at such young ages. Civilians have been executed, tortured and raped. Half of the population escaped to refugee camps in neighboring countries, where due to overcrowding, food, water and health provisions are limited. This has placed tremendous burdens on Liberia's caring neighbors.

We as a nation must assist the people of Liberia. We must help them to reverse the deterioration of their country. But we should not do this alone. France, Germany, Great Britain and Belgium have worked together with the United Nations to send troops to help with peacekeeping efforts in the conflict in Africa's Republic of Congo. By joining efforts with the United Nations, we can provide even more support and make it easier for the country of Liberia to rebuild itself into a strong, stable and lasting governmental infrastructure, knowing that all nations are behind them. By having the involvement of other countries, working together to contribute to the peacekeeping effort in Liberia, will prevent our troops from being overextended.

Mr. Speaker, we have done a lot to help Africa to grow, as many of its nations are reborn from various political, economical and social adversities. But it is not enough; we need to do more to help countries in the continent of Africa with peacekeeping solutions. Having a steady government is a good foundation. It is needed to help establish and to manage international support and reconstruction programs,